



STOCK TAKE OF INPUT ON GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - PUBLIC/COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

All courses fulfilling the revised high school graduation requirements must be aligned with District of Columbia State Standards (including the Common Core State Standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics) for the particular subject area.

Course and Current Credit	"Possible" Revised Graduation Requirements for Consideration by the SBOE	Rationale
English – 4 Units	4.0 units.	National best practice and required for college entrance.
Math – 4 Units	4.0 units, including at least 1.0 unit above Algebra II or its equivalent and not including any units lower than Algebra I or its equivalent. (Students may earn units for high school mathematics courses taken in middle school if their rigor can be verified).	National best practice and required for college entrance.
Science – 4 Units	4.0 units, including Biology and 2 other laboratory courses Specify "lab" science (In the future, courses will be aligned with Next Gen Science Standards)	National best practice and required for college entrance.
Social Studies – 4 Units	3.0 units. (- 1) World History/Global Studies (1) US History/Government (1) DC History/Civics (.5) Student Choice (.5)	Only 2 units typically required for college entrance.
World Language – 2 Units	2.0 units. 2 years of the "same" language (Students may earn units for high school language courses taken in middle school/on-line per video chat, if their rigor can be verified)	National best practice and required for college entrance.
Visual/Performing Arts – 1 Unit (.5 – Art and .5 – Music)	2.0 units. (+1) Merge Art and Music to one category "Visual and Performing Arts"	Promotes well-rounded students.
Electives – 3.5 Units	3.0 units. (-0.5) (note: Study abroad in an established and verified program can satisfy elective units)	Promotes well-rounded students.
Physical and Health Education – 1.5 Units	2.0 units. (+ 0.5) Physical Education (1.5) Units may be earned through PE class, participation in a team sport, or Junior ROTC (Note: Participation in a season of a team sport can satisfy .5 of PE requirement) Health Education (.5) In addition, students must engage in physical activity 50 hours each year for a total of 200 hours.	Promotes physical fitness and supports the Healthy Schools Act.

Community Service – 100 Hours	100 Hours	National best practice and promotes well- rounded students.
Thesis / Culminating Project (not previously required)	Required in junior or senior year (May be completed within a required or elective course or separately)	Promotes College and Career Readiness.
College and Career Readiness	At least 2.0 units must be earned through courses that appear on the approved “College Level or Career Prep” list (AP, IB, CTE, and/or dual- enrollment college level courses) These units can be used to satisfy any of the requirements	Promotes College and Career Readiness.
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED	24 units + 200 hours physical activity + 100 hours of community service + Thesis / Culminating Project	

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